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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Wendy Abrams on  
4 receiving the Environmental Leadership Award from the Illinois  
5 League of Conservation Voters; and

6           WHEREAS, She and her husband, James, generously  
7 contributed to the University of Michigan to establish the  
8 Abrams Scholarship Fund, which gives support to undergraduates  
9 who pursue internships in environmental field work; and

10           WHEREAS, Wendy Abrams was the innovator of and driving  
11 force behind the Cool Globes exhibit, which will be on display  
12 this summer along the lake front and at the Field Museum in  
13 Chicago; the Cool Globes exhibit will be a string of 5-foot  
14 diameter globes, each artistically unique and expressing the  
15 concerns and effects of global warming; she had the initial  
16 idea and has garnered the sponsorship of Exelon, Pepsi,  
17 McDonald's, and Toyota; and

18           WHEREAS, Wendy Abrams set up the Cool Globes website, which  
19 gives users not only a description of the exhibit and  
20 information on its location and opening date, but also collects  
21 pledges for lowering global warming; it gives weekly tips on  
22 how to become more climate-control friendly everyday in your

1 home, and it also gives a sneak peek to some of the globes; and

2 WHEREAS, She has garnered national attention for the Cool  
3 Globes exhibit by having high profile personalities  
4 participate and put out a globe of their own, with former  
5 President Bill Clinton, Senator Barack Obama, Leonardo  
6 DiCaprio, and Jodie Foster each taking a part in the Cool  
7 Globes exhibit; and

8 WHEREAS, Wendy Abrams is the chief operating officer of  
9 Medline Industries; she currently serves on the National  
10 Council of Environmental Defense, the National Advisory Board  
11 for the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the Illinois  
12 Steering Committee for the Sierra Club; Wendy graduated from  
13 Brown University and received her MBA from Northwestern  
14 University's Kellogg School of Management; she is an advisor to  
15 Shift, a multi-media company that focuses on expanding the  
16 environmental movement in a "pop culture lens"; and

17 WHEREAS, Wendy Abrams has lobbied State and national  
18 government to support environmentalism from a business owner's  
19 point of view; one of her goals is to redefine coal-powered  
20 electricity from being the main problem to being a solution for  
21 climate change, and she believes it is good public policy to  
22 avoid building new plants that are immediately obsolete; she is  
23 currently meeting with health care companies to try to build a

1 coalition that will make clean energy purchases; therefore, be  
2 it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate Wendy Abrams for her hard work and dedication to  
6 making our world a better place to live and on receiving the  
7 Environmental Leadership Award from the Illinois League of  
8 Conservation Voters; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Wendy Abrams as a symbol of our respect.